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SUBJECT: W/W FRANK GOULD

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1. AS RESULT OF RECENT INFORMATION ELDER GOULDS SUCCESS-
FULLY URGED DAUGHTER NOT TO TESTIFY AT RECENT CONGRESSIONAL
HEARINGS ON MISSING AMERICANS AND GOULD CASE NOT MENTIONED.
NEVERTHELESS INTEREST OF PARENTS UNDIMINISHED. PRINGLE
SPOKE AT LENGTH WITH PROFESSOR GOULD JULY 15, OUTLINING
VIRTUALLY ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED REF B EXCEPT FOR NAMES
OF SENSITIVE MUSLIM SOURCES AND DISPARAGING REFERENCES
TO FRANK IN MATERIAL OBTAINED FROM MILITARY IN SIBUTU.
PROFESSOR GOULD EXPRESSED GRATITUDE AND AGAIN POINTED OUT
DISCREPANCY BETWEEN NEW COTABATO SCENARIO AND INFORMATION
OBTAINED FROM PAUL VAN BUREN AND JIMMY MATALAM (SEE
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GOULD'S JUNE 19 LETTER TO SULLIVAN ATTACHED TO SULLIVAN-
WENZEL LETTER OF JUNE 23). GOULD SAID REPRESENTATIVE
JAMES BLANCHARD WANTS TO DISCUSS CASE WITH PRINGLE AND
HIMSELF JOINTLY IN NEAR FUTURE AND THAT AS NEXT STEP
MRS. GOULD MAY WRITE "BEREAVED MOTHER" LETTER TO PRESIDENT
MARCOS.

2. IN VIEW CONTINUING CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST, AND BECAUSE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF COTABATO SCENARIO COULD LEAD TO FINAL RESOLUTION OF CASE, DEPARTMENT BELIEVES MORE INFORMATION SHOULD BE DEVELOPED AS EMBASSY RESOURCES PERMIT. WE SUGGEST FOLLOWING STEPS:

A. IF AND WHEN CON OR EMBOFF CAN VISIT COTABATO HE SHOULD ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE WHETHER ATTY LIDASAN HAS SUCCEEDED IN ENTERING ABDULWAHAB VERSION OF FRANK GOULD DEATH IN POLICE RECORD (WHICH WOULD ELIMINATE SENSITIVITY). IF ADDITIONAL WITNESS CAN BE CONTACTED WE BELIEVE IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO ISSUE REPORT OF PRESUMED DEATH.

B. EMBOFF SHOULD ATTEMPT CONTACT JIMMY MATALAM AND QUERY HIM ON ALLEGATION IN GOULD LETTER THAT FRANK LEFT FOR DAVAO ON JUNE 27 (SEE PROFESSOR GOULD JUNE 16 LETTER). (MATALAM IS SON OF MUSLIM LEADER DATO UTD OG MATALAM. HIS EXACT WHEREABOUTS SHOULD BE WELL KNOWN IN COTABATO CITY.)

C. IN MANILA, EMBASSY SHOULD ATTEMPT CONTACT COLONEL MANINTIM WHO, ACCORDING GOP VERSION, KNEW GOULD ON SIBUTU TO SEE IF HE CAN ADD ANYTHING RE ALLEGED GOULD PRESENCE IN TAWI-TAWI AREA IN 1975.

D. GOVERNMENT VERSION MENTIONS AN AMERICAN ROY MAYFIELD, WHO ALLEGEDLY ALSO KNEW GOULD ON SIBUTU BUT IS NOW LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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APPARENTLY BACK IN U.S. (SEE PAGE 6, REF B). IF CONSULATE HAS RECORD OF MAYFIELD STATESIDE ADDRESS DEPARTMENT WILL ATTEMPT CONTACT HIM. DEPARTMENT ALSO ATTEMPTING CONTACT PAUL VAN BUREN TO SEE IF HE CAN COMMENT FURTHER ON COTABATO SCENARIO.

3. FOR KUALA LUMPUR: AS NOTED REF C WOULD APPRECIATE IF YOU COULD RECHECK WITH SABAH IMMIGRATION RE ALLEGED GOULD ENTRY VIA SANDAKAN IN APRIL/MAY 1975.

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